

HO-1055
Cavey Family House
1511 Grooms Lane
Private

Description:

The Cavey Family House is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure with vinyl siding and a gable roof of asphalt shingles with a northeast-southwest ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on the ridge, just southwest of center. There is an ell on the northwest that is two stories and two bays by two bays, with a gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. The southeast elevation has a center entrance with sidelights and transom. The south bay has a single two-over-two sash, which is typical for this house, and the east bay has paired windows. There is a one-story, three-bay porch with turned porch columns and a hipped roof with asphalt shingles. The cross gable in the center has a semi-circular-arched two-over-two sash, and there is a wood box cornice with returns. On the southwest elevation the ell is set back about 1 foot from the plane of the main block and has a two-bay, one-story porch that has turned posts and a hip roof with asphalt shingles. There is a two-story modern addition on the northeast side of the ell, with a one-story addition on the northeast side of it.

Significance:

The Grooms Lane lots were the property of Gertrude Benzinger, and she and her husband, Edward, hired civil engineer John Denton of Ellicott City to lay out lots on the property in 1895. The lots sold quickly, with the purchasers stating that they intended to build shortly, and the development was to be known as Woodstock Heights. Though described at the time as a village, it was more accurately a suburban development of the village of Woodstock. Lots 1 and 2 were purchased in 1896 by William and Mary Cavey for \$165. No record has been found of when they built the existing house, though it was likely c. 1896-97. They built a rather standard cross-gabled I-house with a kitchen ell on the rear, a building type that was not only very popular in Howard County c. 1890-1910, but is the sole historic building type to be found on the Heights. While the I-house typically had only single windows on each gable end, the Cavey house has two windows. This necessitated moving the chimney to the interior of the house. As is typical with cross-gabled houses, the decorative treatment of the exterior is confined to the porch and the gable windows, which in this case are semi-circular. The siting of the house, facing a neighboring lot rather than the road, is unusual and at this time, inexplicable. The Caveys sold the house to John and Katherine Cavey in 1916, and two years later they in turn sold it out of the family.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Cavey Family House

other

2. Location

street and number 1511 Grooms Lane __ not for publication

city, town Woodstock __ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas & Susan Brantley

street and number 1511 Grooms Lane telephone

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 4906 folio 226

city, town Ellicott City tax map 11 tax parcel 62 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary:

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Description:

The Cavey Family House is located at 1511 Grooms Lane, in Woodstock, in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house is situated on the northeast side of the road and faces southeast, on a lot that drops off quickly to the north. The house is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure with vinyl siding and a gable roof of asphalt shingles with a northeast-southwest ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on the ridge, just southwest of center. There is an ell on the northwest that is two stories and two bays by two bays, with a gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. There is an exterior chimney on the northwest gable end of the ell, covered with siding.

The southeast elevation has a center entrance with sidelights and transom. The south bay has a single two-over-two sash, with fake blinds, which is typical for this house, and the east bay has paired windows. There is a one-story, three-bay porch with a new, solid balustrade, turned porch columns, and a hipped roof with asphalt shingles. The second story has three typical two-over-two sash. The cross gable in the center has a semi-circular-arched two-over-two sash, and there is a wood box cornice with returns.

The southwest elevation of the main block has two typical sash on both the first and second stories, and a semi-circular-arched two-over-two sash in the gable end. The ell is set back about 1 foot from the plane of the main block and has a typical sash in the west bay of the first story and a door in the south bay, with a two-bay, one-story porch that has turned posts and a hip roof with asphalt shingles. The porch is now screened in. The second story has two typical sash, and the box cornice has returns.

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The northwest elevation of the ell has a typical sash in the north bay of the first story and the west bay of the second story. There is a two-story modern addition on the northeast side of the ell, with a one-story addition on the northeast side of it. The northeast elevation of the main block is identical to the southwest elevation.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1896-97

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The Caveys sold the house to John and Katherine Cavey in 1916, and two years later they in turn sold it out of the family. It was purchased by John Markle in 1919, but the following year he was foreclosed upon and the house sold at auction. At that time it was described as "a comfortable frame dwelling of six rooms and cellar, now occupied by Edward Fuchs." It had a stable and other outbuildings on the property, and was planted with some fruit trees. Whether this was bought by Markle to serve as a tenant house, or had a tenant simply to provide some income while it was going through foreclosure is not clear. Ernest and Annie Hall bought the house and retained it until 1932, when it entered Platt family ownership until 1968.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .6376 A
Acreage of historical setting 2.12 A
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 11, parcel 62, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

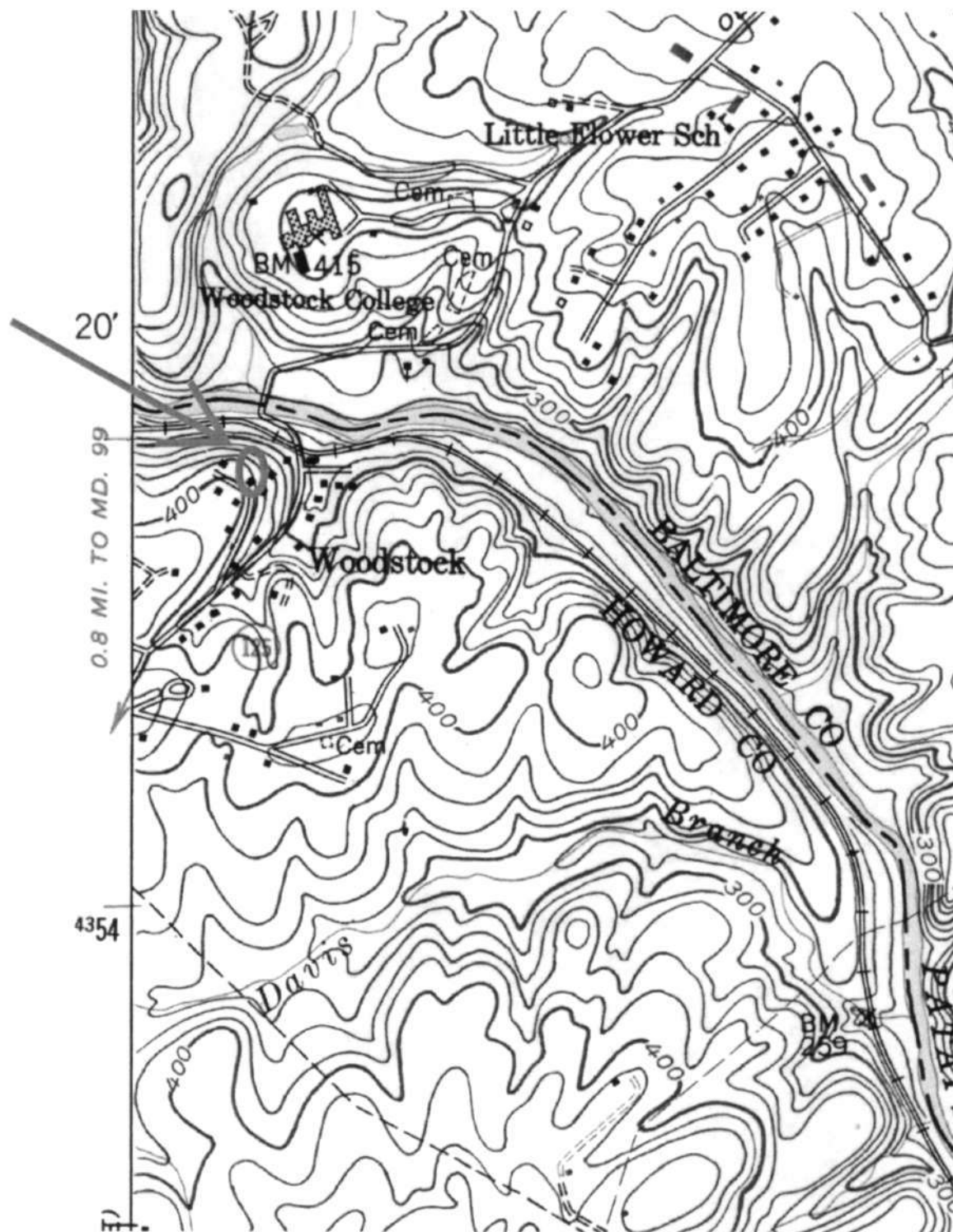
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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Ellicott City quad

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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southwest & southeast elevations

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Northwest & southwest elevations



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